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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2872

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masahiro GOTO Group Art Unit: 2872

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For: LIGHT-DIFFUSING SHEET

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 1, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 1-8 are pending.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over WO 01/04701 to Moshrefzadeh et al. ("Moshrefzadeh") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,649 to Arai. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 recites "a plurality of wedge-shaped parts, each being embedded on the side of the exit surface of the sheet body...[wherein] an end of each of the wedge-shaped parts on the side of the entrance surface is a flat surface parallel to the entrance surface." Applicants respectfully assert that it would not have been obvious, to one of ordinary skill in the art, to try and combine Arai with Moshrefzadeh.